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Taxes.

Taxes have been a standing grievance with mankind since government became a necessity. Among necessary evils they have long been classed next to death. Theft and bloodshed, and all sorts of dishonesty and dishonesty and crime have been their constant concomitants. Taxation and tax gatherers have become hateful words in every language.

Much of the hatefulness of taxation is due to the character of those who gather and disburse the moneys—the character which the business seems to cultivate and the character which it attracts. The administration of taxes is beset with many and fearful temptations, and many a dishonest and dishonorable act is committed by those who encounter them, but who, under more favorable conditions would have lived and died without stain. But on the other hand, the manifold opportunities for the dishonest accumulation of wealth, through connection with the public service, and directly or indirectly in connection with the public moneys, attract from the four quarters of the State, its steepest, sharpest, shrewdest and most dishonorable and disreputable elements. So that the average citizen has never yet been able to more than confine within certain limits, the burdens of taxation arising from the inherent or cultivated character of the public office holders as a class.

Now we must not be understood as stating that there are not among other leaders, in this and other countries, the most honest and upright men. On the contrary, the average citizen would be helpless in course were it not for the course honesty and experience of a certain number of the servants of the public. But the certain limits is too notorious to need argument; and the limits, in certain places, as for example in the State of New Jersey, are at the present time very wide. Courts, Governors, Legislators, municipal bodies and public officials generally seem to have come to the conclusion that a certain and very large amount of stealing of various kinds and degrees is so much a matter of course as to no longer need secrecy. Even the greatest public seems to acquiesce, even while it disapproves, for the continual exposure of loose morals in high places causes but passing comment but no action.

But supposing the most honest possible administration of public affairs, there still would remain many inherent difficulties in the matter of taxation, so that there would be almost as much dissatisfaction with taxes as ever. Taxes must be levied according to general laws and the general laws are sure to press with unequal weight in particular places. It always has been and always will be impossible to distribute equally the burdens of taxation. Many who find themselves bearing an undue proportion of the weight will certainly cry out to relieve their pain and obtain relief, and one person crying upon the street corners will attract more attention and create more disturbance than ninety and nine people remaining quiet. Even the wiser officials may sometimes fail to relieve where he might, owing to overmuch howling by the little injured, and his consequent inability to die covering cases.

The Citizen has been investigating and finds some cases worthy of consideration and some not. Before the coming year's assessment and disbursement of taxes we shall give the results.

What the Birds of the Air Say: The Citizen is not responsible for the notes.

That her many friends here went to greet Miss Anna L. Ward last evening, and to enjoy the pleasure of listening to her interesting lecture upon Labrador.

That this week we have had some chilly days as well as cold days, and now look for warmer days though not for war days.

That a number of Bloomfielders availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Dr. Briggs in the Congregational Church in Montclair on Sunday evening. That one of the numbers was heard to remark that the Doctor ought to be buried at the stake, as he preached an hour and twenty-one minutes.

That Judge Dodd was one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Judge Bradley in Newark on Monday of this week.

That a Bloomfield gentleman was one of the judges at the Poultry Show at the Madison Square Garden last week. He is not a hen-pecked husband.

That Miss Virginia Harrison has had the pleasure and privilege of an interview with Sir Edwin Arnold at the Everett House, New York.

That some are bestowing themselves and are adding to their stock of Biblical lore. That this is a most praiseworthy effort, and it is hoped they will be joined by many others.

That the Centennial Celebration of the Newark Academy took place on Thursday last. Some of our Bloomfield boys are now at the school and many have been there in the past.

It is the best academy in the State. That the solicitude of the New York Sun for the safety of the Presbyterian Church and its ardent attachment to Calvinism is very touching.

That it is rumored that Mr. Chas. A. Dana will soon have the assistance of David Bennett Hill in defending Professor Patton against the wily Professor Briggs.

That movements for the formation of several new villages have begun. The centers of movement are Watsessing, Fairview, Brookdale, Oakland. Some difficulty about boundary lines is anticipated.

That two old foyers have been heard to mutter something about United we stand, divided we fall—In union there is strength, and some other like nonsense, but seemed heartily ashamed of themselves when they discovered they were overheard.

That there are over fifty students attending the German Theological Seminary and their average age is about twenty one years.

That free delivery died from being jammed in the outer door of the Post Office this winter.

That in these days of advertised bargains the person who tries to get something for nothing often discovers that he receives nothing for something.

That the "Fortnightly" met at Mrs. Duffield's last Friday evening and that Mr. Clark is to be President of the Club this year.

That the "Fortnightly" is no longer consumed in the usual food, alone, expressing in its name, as older, more peculiarly astronomical, some burning legacy.

That the number of 100,000 francs is becoming a burning power.

AN EXTRACT FROM AN ADDRESS BY CHANCERY M. DEPUE.

The police of New York are the ablest, the most efficient, and the most bumptious body of men in the world. They feel and let everybody know that they feel that all the departments of the city are subservient to them. They do not remember that there is one power above them, one power before whom they as well as everybody else in the city must bow. A decision of the Court of Appeals has set the question once and forever. The great power is—the County Clerk. I look to the period when my friend, Grant, is running for his third term. I shall do my best to beat him, but if it must be a Democrat, then I say for Grant. The County Clerk will say to Candidate Grant. "Are you with me?" and Grant will say "No." Then the County Clerk will approach the Republican candidate with the same result, and will immediately organize County Clerk's party. He may call it County Democracy or Voorhees Democracy, but whatever he calls it, the said bill named Intercepted will be passed, and the said bill mentioned, and that the complainant be allowed to pay taxes into court and up to the time of trial, and the said interceptors to intercept may be discharged from all responsibility.

And you Harry Campbell are made defendant because said bill alleges that you claim under it, to be entitled to some part of the said fund.

And you John Lodge are made defendant because said bill alleges that you have served a notice on the complaint claiming to be entitled to some part of the said fund.

Dated December 1, 1891.

GALLAGHER & RICHARDS,

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CONSUMPTION CURE.

Wm Timms Postmaster of Idaville, Ind.

wrote: "Electric Bitter has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver disease is gone. I am now in full health again."

By virtue of the above stated will of Plaintiff, to the directed, a small estate for the benefit of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, rheumatism, etc., is to be established in the name of place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same, says: "I have used Electric Bitters for a week, and I am a new man again. I don't care whether I live or die." I found great strength, good appetite and felt like he had a new lease on life. Only 50 pounds each, at Geo. M. Wood's Drug Store.

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Married on the Threshold of Their Home.

Thomas Netting and Mary Jones were married by Justice Sloane, who pronounced the ceremony while the twin stood in the doorway of a prettily furnished cottage on Columbia street, which the groom had just completed for the woman of his choice.—San Diego Sun.

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